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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF U.S. ASSISTANCE
LEVELS FOR FY 76

1. ON JULY 30 THE GOG ANNOUNCED THE LEVELS OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY FOR FY76. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS THE LEAD STORY OF THE GOG-CONTROLLED BROADCASTING MEDIA AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING ATHENS PAPERS, WITH THE LONE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR'S AVGHI, REPEATED THE STORY, IN MOST CASES WITH PROMINENT HEADLINES. THE REPORTS STRESSED THAT GREECE WOULD RECEIVE MORE AID THAN TURKEY AND GAVE COMPARATIVE FIGURES IN THE DIFFERENT AID CATEGORIES.

2. VRADYNI, ACROPOLIS AND RIZOSPASTIS OFFERED EDITORIAL COMMENT. VRADYNI (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT) CITED THE ASSISTANCE AS PROOF OF "A NEW ATMOSPHERE" IN GREEK-U.S. RELATIONS WHICH SHOULD CAST DOUBT ON CONTINUED REPORTS OF INCORRIGIBLE AMERICAN "TURKOFILIA." ACRPOLIS (CONSERVATIVE, PROG-GOVERNMENT) WONDERED ALOUD WHAT INTERPRETATION PASOK LEADER ANDREAS PAPANDREOU AND KKE-EXTERIOR SECRETARY GENERAL HARILAOS FLORAKIS WOULD PUT ON THE ASSISTANCE. RIZOSPASTIS (COMMUNIST, EXTERIOR) POINTED OUT THAT A CAREFUL

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READING OF THE FIGURES REVEALS MORE LOAN THAN GRANT AID AND

ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE THE MARSHALL PLAN, GREECE UNDERSTANDS
THAT AMERICAN AID MEANS ENSLAVING THE NATIONAL ECONOMY FOR
IMPERIALISTIC ENDS.
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